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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Melvin Eisenberg

DATE: March 23, 1964

FROM: Messrs. Ball and Belin

RE: Paper Bag.

I assume that sometime during the work week of March 30, crime lab technicians will testify as to their findings in re the home made paper bag found near one of the windows on the south side of the sixth floor of the TSBD Building, Commission Exhibit # 142. During the examination we suggest the following inquiries:

1. Fingerprints:

We are informed that two fingerprints were lifted from the paper bag by Lieutenant Day of the crime lab. A latent fingerprint identified as the left index finger of Lee Harvey Oswald and a latent fingerprint identified as the left palm finger of Lee Harvey Oswald, Commission Document # 5, pages 162-165. Determine the exact position on the bag of palm print and print of index finger.

2. Identification of Paper:

The crime lab marked a replica sack made from the tape and paper used at the TSBD Building as K-52. The FBI marked a paper sample from the TSBD Building as D-1, crime lab marking K-2. The crime lab marked the home made paper bag found on the sixth floor of the building as Q-10.

One FBI report states that the paper and tape used for K-52 (replica sack) is different from paper and tape used for Q-10 (Document # 5, page 47). To the contrary, the supplemental report of the FBI dated January 13, 1964, at page 4, says

> "The FBI Laboratory examined the brown wrapping paper in the shape of a long bag which was found near the window from which the shots were fired. It was determined that the wrapping paper and the three-inch manila tape used to construct the bag were the same as that used by the Texas School Book Depository."

cc: Files
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In Document # 5, page 165, the crime lab reports "the paper of the wrapping and the tape, Q-10, were found to have the same observable characteristics of the known wrapping paper and tape, K-2, from the Texas Public School Book Depository."

We attach our letter to Mr. Hoover requesting additional information in this matter.

3.- Do the markings on the bag permit a conclusion that a rifle was carried in this bag? The FBI report, Document # 5, page 165, reads "the inside surface of specimen Q-10 did not disclose markings identifiable with the rifle, K-1."

Does the absence of such markings compel the conclusion that the rifle was never carried in that bag? If the rifle had been carried in that bag would the rifle probably have left markings on that bag?

re: <u>The Revolver.</u>

The mail order coupon forwarded to George Rose and Company, Inc., Los Angeles, for the purchase of the revolver has been marked Q-89 by the FBI Lab. Please have handwriting expert identify the handwriting on the document including the person who wrote the name of witness "J. F. Brittal." Document # 5, page 153.